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Venezuela says suspends 'channel of communications' with US

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela said yesterday it has suspended a "channel of communications" with Washington as it ratchets up tension ahead of elections to replace the late president Hugo Chavez.

Foreign Minister Elias Jaua said the move was a response to "interventionist statements" by US assistant secretary of

state Roberta Jacobson, who called for "open, fair and transparent" elections on April 14.

"This channel of communication is suspended at this time, deferred until there is a clear message on what type of relationship the United States wants with Venezuela," Jaua said. "It makes no sense to continue wasting time."

AFP photo shows Nick Reynolds, son of the mastermind of the 1963 Great Train Robbery, Bruce Reynolds, looking on following his funeral at Priory Church of Saint Bartholomew the Great in central London yesterday. The mastermind of Britain's 1963 Great Train Robbery, Bruce Reynolds, died on February 28, 2013 aged 81 after a life that he said had been cursed by his role in one of the 20th century's most notorious crimes. Reynolds was the brains of a gang that held up a mail train in southern England and made off with almost £2.6 million -- worth around £40 million today (47 million euros, \$63 million).



National Archeological Museum welcomes experts for a three-day "Thinktank"

Chief Administrator of the National Archeological Museum Aruba, (NAMA) and staff welcomed an international coterie of museum executives and curators from the U.S., Holland, Latin America and the Dutch Caribbean to participate in a three-day "Thinktank," which began yesterday morning.

NAMA administrators and curators are ready to take the new facility that opened in 2009 "to the next level" by regularly hosting visiting exhibits from other museums around the world, particularly as they pertain to the Pre-Ceramic era and the native inhabitants of the Caribbean region.

"There is no denying a commonality to the religious and cultural practices existing before this area was discovered and colonized by European nations," commented Yvonne Tang, one of three specialists from Lord Cultural Resources of Canada, which will facilitate the NAMA Thinktank. Lord Cultural Research was the entity that assisted with devising and designing the exhibition halls of the new archeological museum, and are quite familiar with the themes, history and culture. Maria Piacente of Lord will lead the group discussions, assisted by Ms. Tang and Katherine Molineaux.

Other international scholars participating in the discussions are Antonio Curet, a curator from the Field Museum of Chicago, Illinois, Juanita Saenz Samper, Director of the Gold Museum of Bogata, Colombia, Managing Director of the Curacao Museum, Charlotte van Doremale, and also from Curacao, Mayqualida A.C. Pandt, Project and Collections Manager of Curacao's National Archaeological Anthropology Memory Management. Dr. Laura van Broekhoven of the Volkenkunde Museum, in Leiden,



Antonio Curet from Chicago Field Museum with Juanita Samper of Colombia Gold Museum



Katherine Molineux, Maria Piacente and Yvonne Tang of Lord Cultural Resources

Holland is also present; it is from a section of this museum that Foundation 1403, the organization that will implement

the recommendations of the NAMA Thinktank, takes its name.

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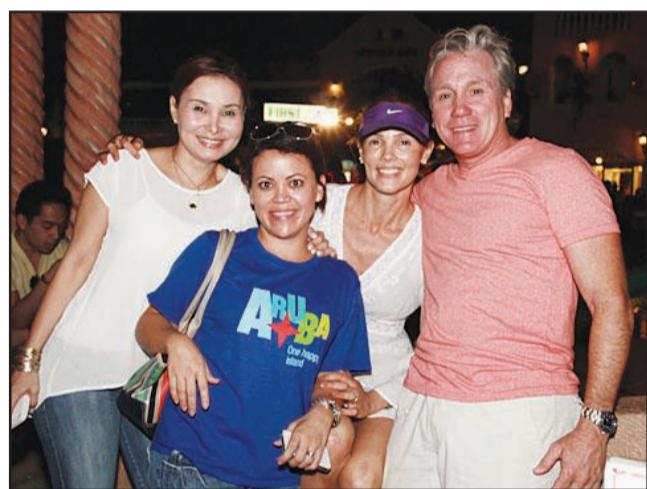
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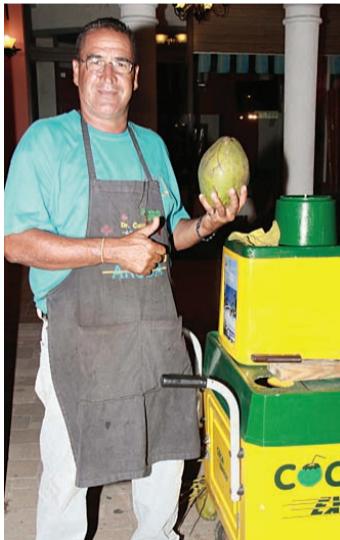
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Visitors enjoy some authentic Arubiana and Paseo Herencia for March 18



Paseo Herencia owner and management

Vacationers who did not make it to Oranjestad to participate in Aruba's traditional celebration for the annual National



Tony the coconut man.



Day, March 18, also known as Anthem and Flag Day, had a pleasant taste of island culture, literally and figuratively, set out for them by Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall last Monday evening.

It has always been a policy of the Paseo Herencia owners and management to share island culture and history with the temporary residents of the prime tourist area of Palm Beach, not only daily and weekly, with shows and displays, put particularly on national holidays.

This year, visitors to the amphitheater in the Plaza Padu enjoyed authentic folkloric music and dance with Grupo Tipiko Allegre Kadushi Largo band and the Youth in Action



Dance Troupe. Authentic Aruban treats were offered and noted photographer Anne-mieke van Vliet, famed for her artistic studies of the Aruban landscape, flora and fauna and architecture, had her works on display.

This congenial celebration of various aspects of Aruban culture proved a delight for both island visitor and residents. Aruba's flag was fashionably displayed as islanders demonstrated their patriotic love for the attractive aqua, white, red and yellow of the flag, which lends itself beautifully to a seemingly limitless parade of clothing and accessory designs.

Rosalie Klein



President of Parliament Paul Croes with veteran boxer Jeff Nedd

At the Alhambra Ballroom **The DCGA hosts its first event**



The DCGA, Dutch Caribbean Golf Association was just formed as an alliance of golf courses in Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten, under the direc-

tion of President Maurice Janssen and Secretary of the Board, golf professional Adam Williamson.

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Chamber of Commerce hosting a second edition of "Aruba Without the Refinery"



KvK Director Leo Maduro

Aruba's Chamber of Commerce (KvK) Director, Leo Maduro, invites all interested parties to attend the free seminar they will conduct on Tuesday morning, March 26, at the Renaissance Conven-

tion Center, addressing the issue of Aruba's economy, now that the San Nicolas refinery has suspended operation.

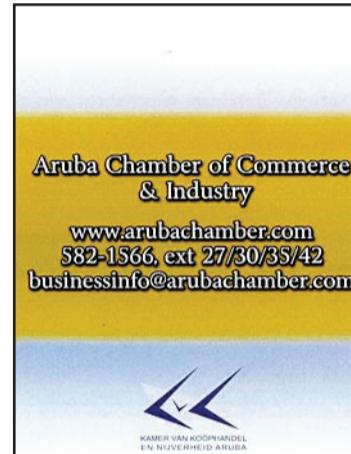
Prior to the facility actually shutting down last year, the KvK hosted the first in the series of presentation regarding "Aruba Without the Refinery," with well respected island entrepreneurs sharing their ideas as to redirecting the deployment of that rather large piece of real estate, and the equipment and facilities it contains.

During the announcement for the current seminar, the issue of the San Nicolas facility becoming Aruba's new container harbor as opposed to spending what would be required to renovate the much smaller Baracada Harbor, was again

raised.

It has long been the intention of the island's current administration, and that of the one preceding it, to move Aruba's container harbor out of Oranjestad, and to beautify the area on the western outskirts of the town. Over the years, they have considered various proposals by developers, but before any project can be started, an alternative location to receive the many super-sized container ships supplying the island with all its finished goods, is required.

Believing the refinery would still be running for many years, Baracada has been the area earmarked for the new container harbor, but would require quite some dredging and expense refit so it could accept the giant con-



tainer ships. It is Mr. Maduro's contention, along with many others, the expense and time spent to outfit Baracada Harbor is unnecessary, as the San Nicolas Harbor already went through that process decades ago to accommodate supertankers.

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the Renaissance Convention Center in Oranjestad, will address this issue, along with a number of other ideas to fully take advantage of the existing technology within the refinery grounds. Speakers for the morning are Vernon Huera of Ernst & Young, Michael-Léo van Romondt of Deloitte, Patrick Newton of KPMG, Daniel Brete, a graduate student at Liverpool University and Jamal Mahawat Khan, of the KvK Board. Ryan Maduro will be moderating.

Between them, they have several business plans that will prove stimulating for the entire San Nicolas area, according to the KvK announcement, including "green technology." The issue of diversifying Aruba's economy is always a preoccupation for the Chamber of Commerce personnel, and this seminar is aimed at not only presenting, but sharing ideas. Attendees are invited to "contribute to creating a new vision" and "accept the challenge to think beyond any limitation."

Presentations begin at 8:30 AM and will finish at noon, with a time for Q & A. Admission is free, but registration is a absolute must. Individuals and companies interested in attending can register at businessinfo@arubachamber.com or call 582-1866 and ask for extension 27, 30, 35, or 42.

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The DCGA hosts its first event

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With seven golf-courses in the mix, three in Aruba, three in Curacao and one in St Maarten, the association is all set to develop a variety of programs designed to attract more Juniors, Seniors and families to the sport.

The strategy of organizing social events, golf events, training, development sessions, ladies' programs and junior programs, will enjoy professional support, thus making golf regionally more accessible to more people.

Most importantly, the promotion of the island as a golf destination is also on the DCGA agenda in collaboration with their counterparts in the Netherlands, the Dutch Golf Association which counts on the involvement of thousands of Dutch golfers.

The launch party of the or-



ganization at the Alhambra ballroom, with minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar and local golfers of all ages, was sponsored by the Aruba Trading Company over bottomless flutes of Moet Chandon champagne, which set the tone for the festive logo reveal with Pierre Rafini on behalf of RBC bank, Alex Nieuwmeyer representing Divi's Divine Nine and Bas v/d

Nieuwenhuijzen standing for Tierra del Sol.

The seven golf courses participating in the alliance, Tierra del Sol, Golf Resort, Country Club & Spa, The Divine Nine at Divi Links, The Aruba Golf Club, all three in Aruba, Blue Bay Golf Club, The Curaçao Golf & Squash Club, and the Old Quarry at Santa Barbara Curacao, and Mullet Bay Beach Resort & Golf Club, in St Martin.

Members of the DCGA include President Maurice J.W. Janssen, Vice President, Pierre Rafini, Club Secretary, Adam Williamson, Club Treasurer, Stanley Looman, Regional Board Members, Aruba: Alex Nieuwmeyer & Bas van den Nieuwenhuijzen, Curacao: Denis Muys, Jane Weststrate & Daan Vos, and St Maarten: Keith Graham & Rodney Tackling.

National Archeological Museum welcomes experts ...

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Think tank team members from Aruba



Eduard Dresscher, Chair of Foundation 1403 and Director of Volkenkunde Museum in Leiden



NAMA Head Administrator Arminda Ruiz with Curacao Museum Directors

Pointers to Ponder

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Help: My Boss and I Don't Get Along!

Part II

Today I want to conclude the article about getting along with your boss. I knew that I would get a lot of reaction from last week's Part I. This is no small problem in so many workplaces today. The problem, as I mentioned in Part I has gotten bigger and perhaps more widespread because of the change in

our communication methods. In the past we would talk face to face and hold regular conversations with our superiors. Today, a lot of our communication is done via emails or texting. This, believe it or not, creates more insecurity and sometimes frustration and rather than help it complicates

ill feelings we may have toward each other. Nothing can take the place of the old fashion eye to eye, face to face contact!

In the event you are facing the dilemma of not getting along with your boss, there are some very specific and practical things you can and should do to deal with that situation. In Part I, I listed three things, each beginning with the letter S so you can remember them easily: 1. self-reflection, 2. sit down with your boss, and 3. set professional standards. Let me give you three more "S's" to complete my list today:

D. Step up to your HR:

If you make a serious attempt to sit down with your boss to talk about what's going on between you and things are not improving, you may want to consider stepping up to the Human Resources department.

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1403 is the number of the area in which artifacts from Aruba, taken from the earliest exploratory digs, now reside.

A number of island experts and artists are also participating and providing input during the Thinktank, including Elvis Lopez of Ateliers '89, Ryan Oduber, Irene Peterson, and Stan Kuiperi, cultural advisor to the government. Anne Wittenburg-de Jong, Director of the Aruba Monument Fund will also be providing input. Her expertise lies in devising practical applications for preserving history, contending that the interest in past cultures is necessary and should be car-

ried on to present culture.

All the staff of Aruba's National Archaeological Museum along with island artist and cultural groups were excited about meeting and interacting with the international museum representatives during a welcome cocktail party in the museum gardens on the eve of the three-day sessions. The plan is to best network with other museums to share exhibitions and artifacts in the most effective manner, as NAMA continues to provide fresh exhibits to stimulate interest and impart relevant historical and cultural information.

Rosalie Klein

Pointers

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Get in touch with your HR, share your feelings there and inform them what steps you have taken so far to address the issue. Allow them to hear you out and brainstorm with you what should be your next move.

E. Stand ready and willing to walk away:

After step 4, you may have discovered that the situation between you and your boss is irreconcilable. Most obviously, the HR had a conversation with your boss about your input to them and the situation is leaning towards them and against you. If this is the case, you must be prepared to look for another position, either within or outside of the company.

Even if the problem you face with your boss is really your boss and not you, it will take a great deal of time for the issues to be channeled properly. You need to determine whether it is worth your mental health to hang in there until the issue is fully resolved.

What you need to be doing now, once you made the decision to move on, is to determine how to explain your change when looking for a new position or job without bad mouthing your boss or the company. You must indicate who you will use as references at the company, other than your boss, before you leave. This will help you in your job search. One very important thing to remember here is to be very careful not to burn your bridges!

F. Shun stress at all cost:

I can tell you that dealing with a difficult boss can create a lot of stress if you let it. And, stress can cause a lot of problems, physical, emotional, etc. You want to try and not lose sleep over your situation. Try not to take your situation on the job home with you...that will give you much more stress! Especially if you have decided that your situation is tolerable, and that you will stay...focus on what you are accomplishing or learning on the job and stop thinking about your boss and the negative impact he/she may have on you.

Sometimes staying is the best decision. Learn as much as you can from the situation, it will make you a much better person for that next job experience down the road! If you believe in God, you can be sure you're not alone and that His strength will be sufficient for you!

If this was helpful, I'd love to hear from you at: tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com

Jewel of the Seas returns to Aruba this summer

During his recent visit with Aruba's partners in the cruise industry in Miami, Minister Oduber learned that Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines will increase their visits to Aruba during this summer of 2013.

Director of Government Relations for Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruise and Asamara, Mr. Federiko Gonzales, indicated that he is of the opinion that the changes that the Aruba government is making in the center of Oranjestad and their efforts to elevate the tourism product of Aruba are very positive and will encourage more

cruise visitors to the island. The position of Aruba among cruise visitors has always been one of preference, more so among passengers of Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruise and Asamara.

Mr. Gonzales also announced during the Miami event, where Minister Oduber was the host, that there is an increase of visitors for Aruba during the low season. One of their ships will be visiting Aruba 8 times during the summer of 2013. This will be one of the ships that no longer navigated the route to Aruba and



have begun visiting European countries. In view of the improvements and beautification of Aruba they decided to put

Aruba back on the map for "The Jewel of the Seas" and open their itinerary beginning this year to return to Aruba.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS**General: US military's counter-narcotics effort at risk**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Pentagon budget cuts will undermine the US military's efforts to seize illegal narcotics shipments out of Latin America and will open the way to more cocaine flowing to the United States, a top US general warned yesterday.

General John Kelly, head of US Southern Command, told lawmakers that "between 150 and 200 tons of cocaine" had been seized last year before reaching the shores of Central America, thanks to surveillance aircraft and naval ships.

But he said automatic budget cuts that went into effect this month could deprive his command of the surveillance planes, ships and other resources needed to stem the flow of illegal drugs bound for the United States, via Honduras and Central American countries.

"If I lose those assets, if they go to zero as some are predicting, all of that cocaine and more, I would predict, will get ashore and be on the streets of New York and Boston very, very quickly," Kelly told the House Armed Services Committee.

Although Honduras, Guatemala, Belize and El Salvador were fully behind Washington's efforts to counter drug trafficking, the key to limiting the flow of narcotics was to in-

tercept shipments at sea, as it was difficult to halt shipments once the drugs reached Central America, he said.

Under automatic spending cuts enacted by Congress, the Pentagon must slash \$46 billion from its budget through September, with little flexibility to shift the reductions among different accounts or programs.

Obama: Syria to be accountable for any use of chemical arms

JERUSALEM (AFP) - US President Barack Obama yesterday warned the Damascus regime it would be held accountable for any use of chemical weapons against civilians in Syria in a move which would spark an international response.

Speaking at a news conference in Jerusalem, Obama said the use of chemical agents against the Syrian people would be a "grave and tragic mistake" and a "game-changer."

"The Assad regime must

Colorado jails chief killed as new gun laws signed

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Police in Colorado yesterday were hunting a gunman who shot dead the US state's prisons chief, even as its governor signed new gun laws into force following the Aurora theater massacre.

Tom Clements, head of the Colorado Department of Corrections, was shot in the chest at point blank range, when he answered the front door Tuesday evening at his home in Monument, 50 miles (80 km) south of Denver, police said.

Governor John Hickenlooper fought back tears at a news conference yesterday, saying Clements "dedicated his life to public service," according to the Denver Post.

He was speaking as he signed three new laws into

force, notably requiring background checks for private and online gun sales and ban ammunition magazines that hold more than 15 rounds.

"When we as a community tried to process the shootings that took place last July in a dark movie theater, we spent a great deal of time ... trying to look at what could we as a state do," he said, referring to the Aurora massacre.

"Large magazines have the potential to turn killers into killing machines," said Hick-enlooper.

The Aurora shooting, in which disturbed student James Holmes allegedly opened fire at a midnight screening of the Batman movie, "The Dark Knight Rises," killing 12 people, revived America's perennial gun control debate.

It was followed in December by the Newtown massacre in Connecticut, when a gunman went into Sandy Hook Elementary School and killed 20 young children and six adults.

After the Colorado prison chief's killing, police immediately cordoned off the area and searched nearby woods -- and said yesterday there was no clear motive for the killing.

understand they will be held accountable," he said.

His remarks came a day after the Syrian regime of Bashar al-Assad traded accusations with rebel forces over the use of chemical weapons in a deadly attack in the northern province of Aleppo on Tuesday which killed 31 people.

On Tuesday, Damascus accused rebel forces of launching a missile "containing chemical materials," with its allies Russia and Iran condemning opposition forces over the alleged attack.

Opposition forces denied using chemical weapons, instead accusing the regime of having itself used the banned munitions.

But Obama said he was highly doubtful about claims the rebels had used chemical agents.

"I am deeply sceptical of any claim that in fact it was the opposition that used chemical

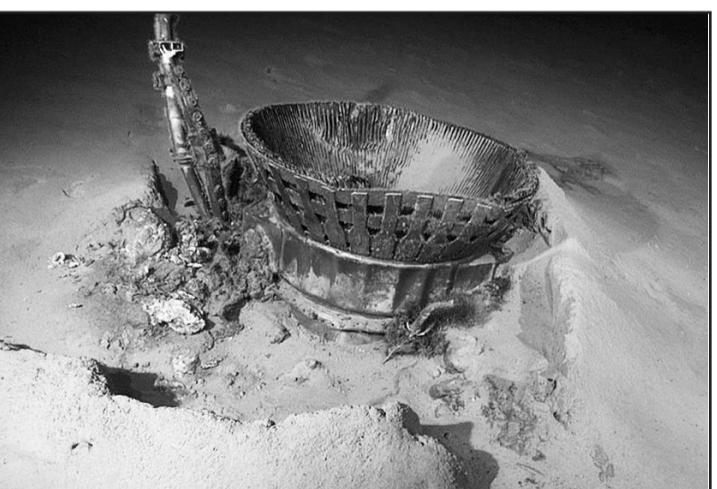
weapons," he said.

Earlier yesterday, during a joint news conference in Jerusalem with Obama, Israeli President Shimon Peres warned against chemical arms falling into the wrong hands.

"Fortunately the Syrian nuclear capacity was destroyed but unfortunately the arsenal of chemical weapons remain. We cannot allow those weapons to fall into terrorists' hands -- it could lead to an epic tragedy," Peres said.

Washington said there was no evidence that rebels had fired chemical weapons, but said it would consult its allies on claims that the regime had used them.

Israel has consistently raised the alarm over Damascus's stockpiles of chemical weapons, raising fears they could fall into the hands of Lebanon's Hezbollah militia or other radical militant groups operating in Syria.



AT SEA : This undated image released by the Bezos Expeditions shows an F-1 thrust chamber from the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon. Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos announced that a year after discovering the rocket engines of Apollo 11 at 14,000 feet (4267.2 meters) in the Atlantic Ocean, the Bezos Expedition had retrieved "many prime pieces." A Saturn V rocket launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida on July 16, 1969, and by July 20 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the Moon. Bezos said many of the serial numbers are missing or partially missing, making the identification of some pieces difficult. (AFP)

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International News

Bangladesh president dies in Singapore: officials

DHAKA (AFP) - Bangladesh President Zillur Rahman, a veteran ruling party politician named to the largely ceremonial post in 2009, died Wednesday in a Singapore hospital, officials said. He was 84.

Rahman, who was suffering from kidney and respiratory problems, was flown to Singapore's Mount Elizabeth Hospital by air ambulance on March 10 after his conditions worsened.

The nation declared three days of mourning after his death in the early evening in Singapore and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her "profound shock" and lamented "an irreparable loss to the country and its people".

Rahman's secretary Shafiqul Alam told AFP that the close aide of the nation's founding leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had been suffering from "old age complications". He leaves behind a son, who is a lawmaker, and two daughters.

The body of the former deputy chief of the ruling Awami League will be flown back to the country on today, he said, adding that a funeral plan would be announced later.

A lawyer by profession and one of the longest serving lawmakers of the country who first joined parliament in 1973, Rahman made his name as a pre-independence activist who pushed for Bangladesh to break free from Pakistani rule.

As a student leader and political organiser he played an active role in the Language Movement in 1952 for the establishment of Bengali as a state language, a crucial campaign that helped cement the idea of Bangladeshi statehood.

Authorities in what was then East Pakistan sentenced him to twenty years of imprisonment in absentia during the independence war of 1971 and confiscated all his properties.

After the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family in 1975, he was also put behind bars for four years by the military government which overthrew the elected government.

The president's death comes amid some of the worst political violence in post-independence Bangladesh, which has seen at least 86 people killed since January 21.



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Banned lamb mince found at French 'horsemeat' factory

TOULOUSE (AFP) - French authorities said they had found 57 tonnes of minced lamb that did not conform to European standards at the factory of Spanghero, the firm at the heart of the horsemeat scandal.

The French company sparked a European food alert by allegedly passing off 750 tonnes of horsemeat as beef, which led to its sanitary li-

cence being revoked.

It was subsequently allowed to resume production of minced meat, sausages and ready-to-eat meals. The firm is not allowed to stock frozen meats.

French sanitary inspectors said the contraband lamb, found in February before the sanitary ban was imposed, was furnished by Dutch supplier

Draap Trading, which has also been implicated in the horsemeat scandal.

The lamb was made of meat scraped off the bone -- a process banned for meat of European origin since the mad cow disease scandal.

Spanghero said it had been duped, adding it had bought the meat in good faith and believed it conformed to its

order. It said the meat would be destroyed.

The scandal of horsemeat being passed on as beef has engulfed a string of European countries with millions of ready meals pulled from supermarket shelves.

The row has embroiled major international corporations including Swiss food giant Nestle.



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Health & Living

Skimmed milk ineffective against toddler obesity

PARIS (AFP) - Giving your toddler skinned or semi-skinned milk is unlikely to make inroads against the risk of obesity, a large study conducted among American children has found.

Parents or caregivers were asked about milk consumption when the infant was two and were questioned again two years later, when the child was again weighed and measured.

Overweight or obesity was widespread: 30.1 percent of the children at two years fell into this category, rising to 32.2 percent at the age of four.

But children who were overweight or obese were likelier to drink skinned milk or semi-skinned milk, which has one-percent butterfat, than

counterparts of normal weight, the probe found.

Low-fat or fat-free milk was consumed by 14 percent of heavy two-year-olds and 16 percent of heavy four-year-olds.

This compared with nine percent of normal-weight two-year-olds and 13 percent of normal-weight four-year-olds.

Kids who drank full-fat milk, which has a 3.5-percent fat component, or reduced-fat milk, which has two-percent fat, also tended to weigh less than counterparts who drank skinned or semi-skinned.

The study says that the logic behind this recommendation is to reduce consumption of calories and thus prevent weight gain.

Teenagers, sex, alcohol and cameras: a dangerous mix

CHICAGO (AFP) - A video of high school boys laughing about watching the rape of a "dead" drunk teenage girl who "deserved to be peed on" drew a horde of reporters to a small Ohio town for a trial last week.

While the video and a photo of two boys lifting the unconscious 16-year-old girl by her hands and feet were shocking and extreme, the dangerous combination of teens, alcohol and cameras was far from unique.

Thousands of teenagers have found themselves in social hell after sexually explicit or other humiliating pictures and videos spread through social media like wildfire.

The urge to document embarrassing, malicious -- or even potentially criminal -- moments is hard to resist for teenagers growing up in the digital age with a smartphone in their pocket at all times.

It's a complex problem for parents, educators and police,

who have to draw a line between youthful dalliances and crimes like extortion, harassment or the production of child pornography.

Most of the images start out as a moment of youthful experimentation meant to be shared with a girlfriend, boyfriend or crush. Others are meant to be a joke.

Then somebody hits send and the echo chamber of teenage gossip is magnified by the power of the Internet to produce an overwhelming tide of insults and abuse.

And since the images are online forever, the victimization never really ends.

"We have girls -- 16, 17, 18-year-old girls -- telling us 'I'm contemplating suicide. I can't get my photos off this site,'" said James McGibney, founder of bullyville.com, which aims to help bullied teens and adults.

One in six US children aged 12 to 17 have received a sexually suggestive nude or nearly nude photo or video of some-



one they know, a recent study by the Pew Research Center found.

That number goes up to one in three teens aged 16 and 17, even though only two percent of the children admitted to having ever sent a suggestive photo of themselves.

"The key thing to remember about this is it doesn't take that many people in a community to send these images for them to be widely shared," said Amanda Lenhart, Pew's direc-

tor of teens and technology research.

This makes growing up a lot harder for the current generation than it was for their parents.

The Stubenville, Ohio rape case was certainly not a youthful indiscretion. But the fact that the boys shared the pictures they took after pulling off the girl's clothes and that the story went viral will undoubtedly make it harder for her to recover.

At a hearing in November, the girl's mother testified that she had been ostracized at school and still cried herself to sleep as a result of the August 11 incident.

These kinds of painful images do, however, help bring problems to light and make it easier to punish those who cross the line.

Assistant Ohio Attorney General Marianne Hemmeter said in opening statements last week that the two high school

football players accused of rape treated the girl like a "toy" and repeatedly degraded her by sending the photos to their friends.

Defense attorneys dispute the prosecution's assertion that she was too drunk to consent and insist the boys' actions do not constitute rape.

A recent study by the Crimes Against Children Research Center estimated that police investigated nearly 3,500 cases of youth-produced sexual images during 2008 and 2009.

Two thirds of those cases involved "aggravating" circumstances such as "adults interacting sexually with underage youth or young people engaging in blackmail or other criminal or malicious behavior, or recklessly circulating images."

The good news is that most of the images -- 63 percent -- were distributed by cellphone only and did not reach the Internet.

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New Indian-made electric car to hit the roads

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Top Indian utility vehicle maker M&M yesterday launched the most advanced home-grown electric car, pricing it at \$11,000 and saying it expects to be ready to sell them abroad next year.

The four-seater, two-door e2O -- pronounced "ee-too-oh" -- has zero emissions, a top speed of 80 kilometres an hour (50 mph), is fully automatic and can run for 100 kilometres on a single charge.

"This is our vision of the future of mobility" in the country of 1.2 billion where pollution from an explosion in the number of cars on roads is creating increasingly grave health problems, M&M chairman Anand Mahindra said.

"We need to make a clean energy future," he told reporters, warning the nation "is at a tipping point" in terms of road congestion, urban congestion and the environment with "eco-friendly transport the need of the hour".

The hatchback is the fruit of \$16-billion M&M's group's 2010 acquisition of a controlling stake in Indian electric vehicle maker Reva, pioneered by mechanical engineer Chetan Maini, as part of a push to invest in green technology.



Maini, who stayed with the company, told AFP the e2O was a "game-changing" vehicle from the tiny, boxy two-seater Reva which was derided by critics as a "golf cart".

The hatchback boasts 10 on-board computers analysing its core functions and sending alerts if anything needs fixing -- features usually found on far more expensive cars -- and can be fully charged in five hours from a 15A power socket.

The car can also be charged through a solar "Sun2Car" shield, a detachable canopy fitted with solar panels.

Energy-hungry India's endemic power outages have raised concerns owners might not be able to get fill their batteries when they want but

M&M says such fears are overblown with plans for a network of charging units around major cities.

India's government has also chalked out an ambitious \$4-billion plan to support an electric vehicle network and hopes to have six million electric vehicles on roads by 2020.



Scientists claim new glasses-free 3D for cellphone



LAVAL (AFP) - French Research and Development engineer in virtual reality at French "Clarté" company, Lionel Dominjon (R) moves a virtual fuel tank during a virtual reality demonstration with 3D glasses on March 20, 2013, during the 15th edition of Laval Virtual, an international meeting on virtual reality and converging technologies, in Laval, western France. The latest technology and the most innovative applications in the field of virtual reality, augmented reality, 3D real time, will be exhibited at the Framework in Laval until March 24.

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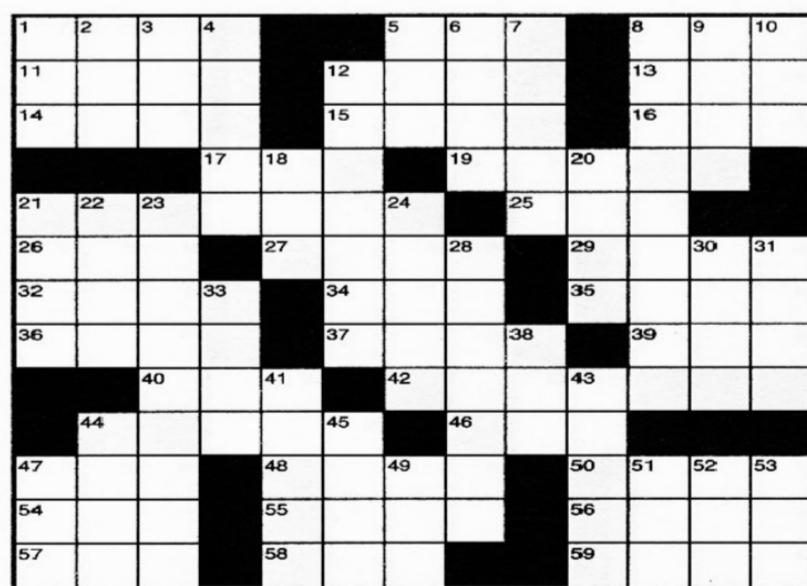
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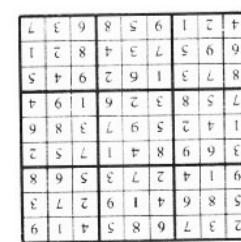
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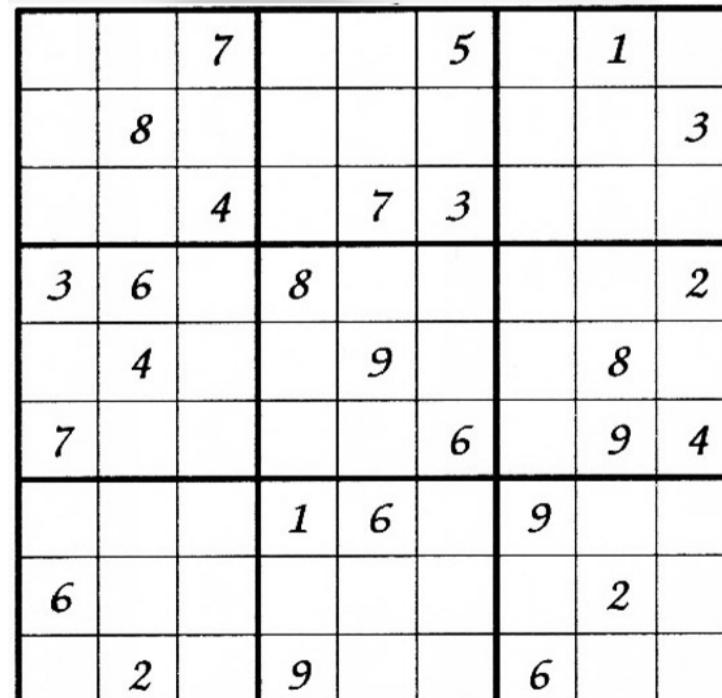
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Cyprus bank closure crippling business

NICOSIA (AFP) - Cyprus closed its banks this week to avert a run on savings and secure a bailout for its near-bankrupt economy, but the move has dealt another blow to companies already hit by the global financial crisis.

"We cannot buy, we cannot sell," said Costakis Sophocleides, the director of a frozen goods company who usually goes to banks in order to pay his suppliers.

"A lot of my customers are hotels and restaurants... and we cannot supply them... I have 25 employees now but next week I will have no products in my stores.

"What will happen? We don't know when we will get paid and if we will get paid," said the businessman whose products are imported from Europe, including Germany and the Netherlands.

Before dawn on Saturday, after about 10 hours of negotiations, the eurozone and the International Monetary Fund agreed to provide 10 billion euros (\$13 billion) to bail out Cyprus.

But under the deal, Nicosia had to come up with 5.8 billion euros of its own by imposing a one-off levy of between 6.75 and 9.9 percent on all bank deposits, sparking outrage among savers.

With banks closed on Saturdays, Cypriots panicked and rushed to cash points, some of which were depleted within hours over the long holiday weekend before being refilled on Tuesday.

Banks have remained shut for another two days as the government scrambled to drop the levy on deposits under 20,000 euros, but even that was flatly rejected by furious members of parliament.

To prevent a run on the banks, the Cypriot authorities have also blocked online electronic funds transfers.

After being closed for six

days, it is still uncertain when the banks will reopen.

The authorities are working on legislation to restrict the outflow of cash from the country once they do open their doors again, and splitting the sector into good and bad lenders, state radio reports.

Co-operative Societies chief Constantinos Lyras said the closure of banks is crippling the Cypriot economy.

"The more days the banks remain closed, the more the uncertainty increases," he told the official CNA news agency.

"My opinion is that banks should open as soon as possible. I hope the right decisions are taken, because if the haircut is not approved, without any other solution there will be heightened panic."

Although shoppers have

been able to use credit cards for purchases at supermarkets and fuel stations, some institutions are beginning to demand payment in cash.

This was the case in at least one cafe in the city centre, where many shopfronts are shuttered and plastered with "For Rent" signs.

In addition, petrol stations were also accepting only cash payments, Stefanos Stefanou, head of the association of service station owners, told the Sigma private television channel on Wednesday.

The Cypriot economy had flourished since the 1990s, but contracted by 2.3 percent in 2012.

Meanwhile, Central bank announced yesterday that Cyprus banks to stay closed until Tuesday next week.



FRANKFURT AM MAIN (AFP) : This handout photo made available by the summit organisers shows IMF chief Christine Lagarde addressing the Frankfurt Finance Summit on March 19, 2013 in Frankfurt am Main, central Germany. French police on March 20, 2013 carried out a raid on the Paris home of IMF chief Christine Lagarde in connection with a probe into her handling of a high-profile scandal when she was a government minister.

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US oil output to surpass imports this year: EIA

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US will produce more oil than it imports beginning late this year for the first time in 18 years, the Energy Information Administration said.

Helped by a surge in shale-based output, monthly crude production has pushed past seven million barrels a day and could reach eight million barrels a day by the beginning of 2014.

Imports meanwhile have dropped below eight million barrels a day and should fall below domestic output by the end of 2013, the EIA said.

The EIA said that based on current projections, by the end of 2014 the US could be producing two million barrels a day more than it imports, a huge turnaround in the country that, until China passed it just recently, was the world's largest oil importer.

The "unconventional" recovery of oil from dense rock strata like shale has driven a leap in domestic production in the past three years.

"This projected change is primarily because of rising domestic crude oil production, particularly from shale and other tight rock formations in North Dakota and Texas," the EIA said.

Average production rose from 5.5 million barrels a day for the full year 2010 to 6.5 million last year and is projected to average 7.3 million this year.

Imports meanwhile have fallen from 9.2 million barrels a day in 2010 to a forecast average of 7.6 million for this year.

The gains in US crude production, as well as that of Canada, have contributed to softer global prices and cut into sales by the OPEC oil cartel, for decades the dominant power in world energy markets.

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Venezuela may have to curtail cheap oil for Cuba

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Venezuela will be hard-pressed to keep providing cheap oil and loans to Cuba and other allies given the "faltering" state of its economy, a senior US commander said Wednesday.

Cuba and other nations with ties to Caracas "realize that they cannot continue to get the very, very, very reasonable rates on loans and oil and things like that at the cost they get it," said the head of US Southern Command, General John Kelly, who oversees US forces in South America.

Cuba and other states that have benefited from Caracas's assistance were "nervous" about the future after the death of Venezuela's president, Hugo Chavez, on March 5, the general said.

With Venezuela's presidential elections set for April 14, Kelly said "anyone that is elected would have to rethink the flow of money that goes out of the country to essentially buy friends."

For more than a decade, Cuba has relied heavily on cheap Venezuelan oil and favorable terms of trade to keep its economy afloat.

Kelly said Vice President Nicolas Maduro was expected to defeat Henrique Capriles in the April vote but said he would face a daunting task with a troubled economy while lacking Chavez's charismatic appeal.

The next president would inherit a country with "very, very high crime, high murder rates," and its "economy is faltering" while the oil industry badly needed investment, the four-star general said.

Disney invests in Peru to prevent deforestation



LIMA (AFP) - The Walt Disney Company has bought \$3.5 million in carbon credits to prevent the destruction of a jungle in the country's Amazon.

The Alto Mayo forest -- home to 1,500 settlers -- spans 180,000 hectares in Peru's northeast department of San Martin and contains 23 species of endangered flora and fauna.

"The objective Disney shares is to slow down the pace of deforestation in the protected natural area, which has one of the highest rates of deforestation in the country," said Luis Espinel, director of the NGO Conservation International that manages the forest.

The project, started in 2009, was approved this year by the National Service for Protected

Natural Areas (Sernanp) and led to Disney's purchase of the carbon credits through a carbon emissions reduction program, said Pedro Gamboa, the service's head.

In total, Disney paid \$3.5 million for 437,500 voluntary credits at a price of \$8 per credit, far more than their value on the international markets, Gamboa said. Each credit is equivalent to one ton of captured carbon, he said.

Disney is using the credits as offsets to carbon emissions from its global entertainment operations, Espinel said.

It chose to target the Alto Mayo forest because of the area's rich biodiversity coupled with its vulnerability to encroachment by settlers.

The money will go to increase the number of rangers protecting the forest, and to fund conservation agreements with local coffee growers and other farmers that provide them with advice and technical assistance on condition that they not clear the forest.

"We have signed 240 agreements with as many families to become allies in the fight against the burning and destruction of the area," Espinel said.

International agencies have certified that deforestation and degradation, caused by settlers, generates 2.8 million tons of carbon because of the cutting down and burning of trees, he added.

Sernanp chief Gamboa emphasized that "the only way of protecting the forest is to sign partnerships with communities, giving them technical alternatives so that they have income and understand that they benefit from protecting the area."

Conservation International has a five year contract, renewable for 20 years, to manage the Alto Mayo project.

Espinel said the NGO would look for other companies to buy credit following the agreement with Disney.



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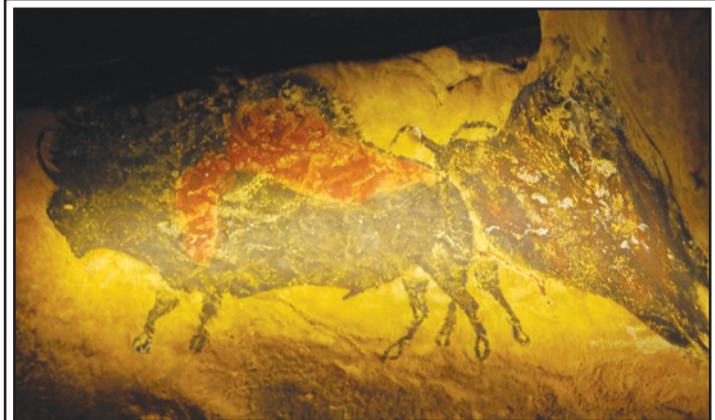
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CHICAGO (AFP) - A detail from a copy of the more than 17,000 year old Shaft Scene from the famed cave paintings of Lascaux is seen during a media preview on March 19, 2013 in Chicago. Stunning reproductions of the famed cave paintings of Lascaux are being displayed for the first time outside of France at an exhibit at Chicago's Field Museum.

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Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat

when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

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Have your bikini your way at Banana Moon



A store that finally understands the uniqueness of every woman's body has recently opened its doors on the Havenstraat in Oranjestad, just behind the Royal Plaza Mall.

Banana Moon is a well-known brand of swim and beach wear, manufactured in Monaco, so quality is insured. Their unique claim to fame is that bikinis and tankinis are sold as separates, so stylish women can mix and match to produce the combination of their choice, as well as being assured a perfect fit, both top and bottom. Prices are very reasonable for designer swimwear.

Owner Selma was inspired to seek out a brand

the bottom was just right. This is not an uncommon complaint. "We have nothing like this back where I live," she reports, "Banana Moon is a real find. I will certainly be back for more bathing suits next year."

The shop also features a complete inventory of the exclusive, but moderately priced "Arubiana" sandals, which have a diverse selection that will produce at least one pair to perfectly color coordinate to your swim selection. Banana Moon also produces very attractive lines of beach tunics and wraparounds. Smart beach bags and adorable hats will complete the ensemble, for a perfectly fitting fashion statement on Aruba's fine white sands.



that answered her own frustrations at finding a proper fitting two piece swimsuit, and discovered the stylish and well-made product. The shop is quiet new, and they report they are

expecting a shipment of the most recent collection at any moment.

Presently, however, their walls are lined with an adorable selection, in a rainbow of colors to suit any taste. Shelly from Ohio, reports she had been all over the island looking for just such a store, and walked out with a big smile and two new bikinis. She has the good fortune to have a fantastic figure, but the misfortune of always finding bikini tops never quite fit when



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Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol expected to return from injury Friday

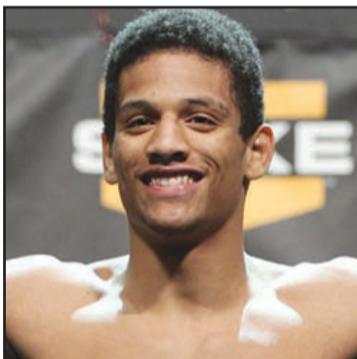
Los Angeles Lakers coach Mike D'Antoni said that he "expects" stars Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol to return from their injuries Friday against the Washington Wizards, reports ESPN Los Angeles' Dave McMenamin.

Without Bryant, the Lakers have gone 2-1, most recently losing to the Phoenix Suns on Monday. Out with a sprained ankle that he injured against the Atlanta Hawks last Wednesday, Bryant attempted to give the next game a go, but only lasted 12 minutes against the Indiana Pacers.

Gasol has sat for much longer. He injured his plantar fascia against the Brooklyn Nets on Feb. 5 and has only recently hit the practice court.

The return of both could give the Lakers a boost considering their thin roster. And against Washington, which as of Wednesday is the only NBA team with less than six road victories, working the duo back into the lineup in front of a Staples Center crowd could be of little risk. The Ultimate -

Alex Caceres suspended, Riki Fukuda released on failed drug tests



Alex Caceres

Fighting Championship on Wednesday confirmed that Alex Caceres and Riki Fukuda both failed their post-fight drug tests at UFC on Fuel TV 8, which took place on March 3 in Japan.

Caceres tested positive for marijuana metabolites following his fight with Kyung Ho Kang. He received a six-month suspension retroactive to the date of the event, agreed to attend drug rehabilitation classes, and must pass a drug test upon completing his suspension before he can return to competition.

Caceres initially scored a split decision victory over

Kang, but the result of that bout has been changed to a no contest.

Fukuda's drug test results revealed the presence of Phenylpropanolamine, Norpseudoephedrine, and Ephedrine, which are stimulants and considered banned performance-enhancing substances.

Fukuda lost his bout against Brad Tavares at UFC on Fuel TV 8 and has an overall record of 2-3 in the Octagon, so the UFC released him from his contract following the failed drug test.

His test results will also be reported to the official Association of Boxing Commissions record-keeper.

All 22 fighters on the UFC on Fuel TV 8 fight card were drug tested, according to UFC officials. Caceres and Fukuda were the sole participants to return a positive result.

There is no athletic commission that oversees mixed martial arts events in Japan. The UFC hired an independent testing facility to administer the drug tests.



SANTIAGO (AFP) - This handout picture released by the Chilean National Football Association shows Chilean players jogging on March 19, 2013, in Santiago, during a training session ahead of their Brazil 2014 FIFA World Cup South American group qualifier match against Peru next March 22.



Cycling: Fuentes tells court willing to provide list of clients

MADRID (AFP) - Spanish doctor Eufemiano Fuentes, who is on trial for allegedly masterminding one of sports most notorious doping rings, said Wednesday he would be willing to give the names of his former sports clients to the World Anti-Doping Agency and the Spanish Anti-Doping Agency if asked to do so.

"If within this co-operation such a list was necessary, they would have it," he said at his trial.

Fuentes is on trial with his sister Yolanda and three other defendants from cycling teams in one of the most high-profile cases in sport over a blood doping racket, with dozens of suspects in cycling and possibly other sports.

The five are accused of endangering public health but not incitement to doping, which was not a crime in Spain at the time of their arrests in 2006 as part of the so-called "Operation Puerto" investigation.

Police raids on premises linked to Fuentes in May 2006 saw the seizure of some 200 bags of tampered blood labelled with a complex system of codes and a virtual pharmacy of performance-enhancing substances including EPO,

human-growth hormone, and steroids.

Fuentes told the court at the start of his trial in January that he worked on a private basis with athletes from a wide range of sports, not just cycling, to help them deal with anaemia issues and not performance-enhancing doping.

He reiterated his innocence on Wednesday as he left the courthouse.

"Everything which I did I did in accordance with the laws in place at the time. In 35 years I have not caused any harm to any patient. To regret having carried out my professional work as best as I could would not make any sense," he told reporters.

Earlier on Wednesday a lawyer representing the International Cycling Union (UCI), Pablo Jimenez de Parga, said Fuentes should be made an example of for running possibly "the biggest doping network the world has ever seen".

The sentences imposed on Fuentes and his four co-accused by the court if they are found guilty will show how committed the Spanish authorities are to eradicating doping. The five accused face up to two years in prison.

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Golf: Vonn's boyfriend Tiger tries to dethrone No. 1 McIlroy

ORLANDO (AFP) - Tiger Woods, who can overtake Rory McIlroy for World No. 1 by defending his title this week at Bay Hill, says he and ski star Lindsey Vonn went public as a couple to combat "stalker-azzi."

A day after Woods and Vonn told the world they were dating and shared photos on their Facebook pages, Woods explained why they made that decision at a news conference on the eve of the \$6.2 million US PGA Arnold Palmer Invitational.

"We're very happy where we're at, but also we wanted to limit the 'stalker-azzi' and all those sleazy websites out there, paparazzi following us," Woods said.

Woods, a 14-time major

champion who will try to close the gap on the record 18 majors won by Jack Nicklaus when he plays at next month's Masters, has spent a record 623 weeks atop the world rankings, but none since October of 2010 after injuries and an infamous sex scandal saw him stumble from the top 50.

"I fell to 50-plus there for a while," Woods said. "To gradually work my way back is something I'm proud of. It's not easy to get there in the first place and to sustain it isn't easy at all.

World No. 2 Woods has won five titles in the past year, a run that began at Palmer's event last year when he won his first PGA title since the scandal. This year, Woods has already collected triumphs at Torrey Pines and Doral.

But doubters say he will not be fully back to the form of glory days until he ends a major title drought that dates to the 2008 US Open.

Woods, whose return to success has coincided with his romance with Vonn, seeks his eighth career title at Bay Hill. He would become the first man to win the same PGA event eight times, although he already has eight career victories on the same course from seven PGA titles and the US Open at Torrey Pines.

Top-ranked McIlroy, who is dating ninth-ranked women's tennis star Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark, is idle this week but the field at Bay Hill still offers more than a few challengers who could deny Woods despite his history there.

Woods will be paired alongside England's Justin Rose and reigning British Open champion Ernie Els of South Africa, who won at Bay Hill in 2010 and 1998.

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SV Real Koyari Baptizes New Uniforms



– SV Real Koyari a local soccer club of the second division baptized its new uniforms at the Local Store this weekend. The attractive grey shirts carry the logo of the Local Store in the front and the logo of Island Temptations Magazine on the back.

The Real Koyari team is made up of enthusiastic amateur ballplayers, ages 18 to 33, coached by Oscar "Oka" Wolff, with Francis Semerel and Captain Darwin Tromp. The team usually plays at the Bubali soccer field, celebrating its 13th anniversary, having been established in the



year 2000.

Pictured here the team members sporting new uniform shirts, they are joined by Curt Harms, at the Local Store, a popular bar at the heart of town across Royal Plaza. Island Temptations is an internationally recognized, award-winning publication. The magazine received the Caribbean Tourism Organization's prestigious Travel Writers Award three years in a row, and is avidly read by tourists, repeat visitors, and locals. The new Real Koyari uniform project was coordinated by Jordick!



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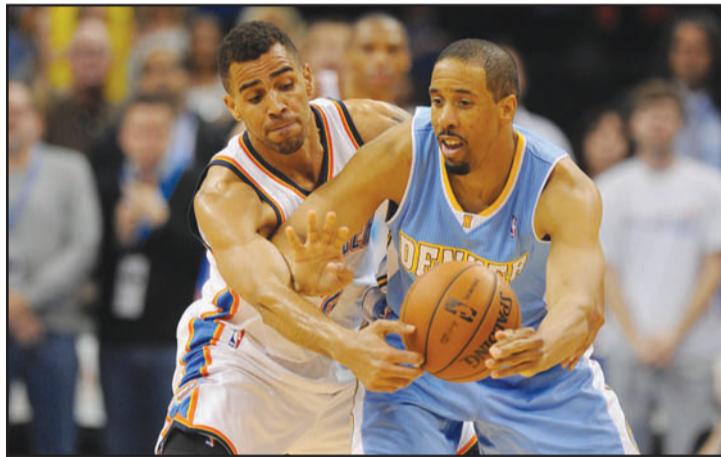
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NBA: Nuggets stretch win streak to 13 by silencing Thunder



OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) - Ty Lawson scored 25 points and Andre Miller added 20 off the bench to spark the Denver Nuggets to their 13th NBA victory in a row, a 114-104 triumph Tuesday at Oklahoma City.

Kenneth Faried added 13 points and 15 rebounds for the Nuggets, who improved to 47-22 and closed their gap on the Northwest division-leading Thunder to 50-18.

The Nuggets' win streak set a record for the team's NBA history, although the club has its roots in the now-defunct rival American Basketball Association where they once won 15 games in a row.

NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant netted 34 points for Oklahoma City and Russell Westbrook added 25 in a losing cause. It was only the fifth home loss of the season for the Thunder.

NFL: Owners alter rules for head safety and fumbles

PHOENIX (AFP) - National Football League players will be penalized for using the crown of their helmet against defenders and quarterbacks figure to fumble more often under rule changes adopted Wednesday.

The NFL club owners meeting resulted in an end to the controversial "tuck rule" involving passers and gave a nod to a head safety move in the wake of concussions becoming concerns both for active players and for long-term impact.

New England and Washington, each with a star quarterback in Tom Brady and Robert Griffin III respectively, abstained from the "tuck rule" vote, which now says that if a quarterback starts to bring the ball back to his body while trying to throw, it will be ruled a fumble rather than an incomplete pass.

While the reigning NBA champion Miami Heat have run off the second-longest win streak in NBA history at 23 games, the Nuggets have enjoyed their success in relative anonymity.

"Miami can have all that attention. We don't need it right now," Faried said. "We

want to keep the streak going. We're not content at all. We want to play each and every game like it's our last.

"While they want to keep their streak going loudly, we want to keep our streak going quietly."

The Nuggets opened the

second half with an 11-2 run for a 76-68 lead and held off the Thunder down the stretch to secure the victory.

Denver players listened to an inspiration speech by coach George Karl before the game to win for the second time in as many days.

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